



**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIVES \$69 MILLION FOR
TRANSPORTATION IN PUERTO RICO
Part of the Economic Recovery Plan
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WASHINGTON, DC- The federal government gave today \$69 million funds that Puerto Rico must use for public transportation projects, reported the White House to the Office of Resident Commissioner in Washington, Pedro Pierluisi.

The notification came just before the Vice President of the United States, Joseph Biden, announced in Miami, Florida, the disbursement of more than \$8,000 million to the states and territories.

"Today, we are not only building roads and bridges, strengthening our transportation system makes us more efficient in terms of energy and increases the security," said Vice President Biden.

The \$68.8 million for Puerto Rico are divided into \$66.1 million for projects in urban transportation (urban transit), \$2.1 for rural transportation projects (rural transit) and \$675,314 for improvements to the rail system.

"These funds that are now on their way to Puerto Rico will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation, to make improvements to the facilities that house public transportation in towns of fewer than 200,000 inhabitants and to make improvements to the "Tren Urbano," Pierluisi explained.

The funds announced today are in addition to the \$105 million sent on Tuesday for infrastructure projects and should be allocated in no later than 120 days.

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